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**SAFETY AWARDS PROGRAM**



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This instruction implements AFPD 36-28, *Awards and Decorations Programs*, and prescribes nomination procedures for 3rd Wing (3 WG) safety awards. The safety awards program rewards outstanding safety acts and achievements, and recognizes quality performers who contribute to the prevention of mishaps through either sustained superior performance or a one-time act. Recognition of deserving individuals and units is a vital avenue for building a culture of pride, performance and mishap prevention. Recognition for heroic acts will not be considered for a safety award. This publication applies to all units in the 3 WG on Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Safety awards in this instruction are for the submittal of safety award nominations through command channels to HQ PACAF. This publication does not apply to the US Air Force Reserves or Air National Guard units and members.

**1. Responsibilities.** Commanders are responsible for unit participation in the safety awards programs and are encouraged to establish complementing incentives to supplement the programs. The 3 WG Chief of Safety is responsible for managing the program and reviewing all nominations.

**2. Headquarters Air Force Awards.** Units will forward nominations for Headquarters Air Force awards (Air Force Chief of Staff Special Safety Achievement, Colombian Trophy, Koren Kolligian Jr., Trophy, Flight Safety Plaque, and so forth.) to 3 WG/SE for consideration. The 3 WG/SE will not nominate units or individuals for awards unless previously nominated by their commander. Headquarters Air Force annual award nominations are due to 3 WG/SE no later than 3 October. The 3 WG/SE will forward exceptional award nominations to higher headquarters for competition. Nomination procedures, eligibility, and selection criteria can be found in AFI 36-2833, *Safety Awards*.

**3. Nomination Procedures.** Nominations should be prepared in accordance with AFI 36-2833 and this instruction. Nominations are forwarded through command channels to HQ PACAF/SE. Nominations will be submitted in hard copy and accompanied by a disk in Microsoft Word format. Nominations will be in letter format as shown in attachment 1, this instruction.

**4. Third Wing Safety Quarterly Awards.** Quarterly award nominations are due 10 January, 10 April, 10 July, and 10 October. Units may forward as many nominations as deemed appropriate for award categories. Order of preference must be indicated when submitting more than one nominations for any award. Number of award selections will be determined by 3 WG/SE, unless otherwise indicated. Nominations submitted in hard copy will be accompanied by a computer disk. Nominations can also be submitted by e-mail. Nominations will be in letter format as shown in attachment 1, this instruction.

**4.1. Flight Safety Award of the Quarter:**

**4.1.1. Purpose.** Honors a 3 WG organization for sustained performance in flight safety. Winners will be nominated for 3 WG/SE Flight Safety Award of the Quarter.

**4.1.2. Eligibility.** All 3 WG flying organizations.

**4.1.3. Selection Criteria.** Selectee must have repeatedly contributed to aircrew safety through sustained superior performance and achievement.

**4.2. Aircrew Safety Quarterly Award:**

**4.2.1. Purpose.** Honors a pilot or aircrew for outstanding airmanship.

**4.2.2. Eligibility.** 3 WG personnel assigned to a flying organization.

**4.2.3. Selection Criteria.** A pilot or aircrew must have displayed skill and ingenuity in handling an exceptionally difficult or unusual situation successfully. The actions of the pilot or aircrew must have prevented or reduced injury to personnel, aircraft damage, other property damage or loss of life. Aircrews who prevented a potential mishap that was caused by their own misdeeds, lack of judgment, foolhardily or excessive risk taking are ineligible. Each aircrew member nominated must have contributed to resolution of the emergency.

**4.3. Flight Line Safety “Chainbreaker” Award of the Quarter:**

**4.3.1. Purpose.** Recognizes an individual whose exceptional achievements enhanced flight line mission completion or prevented injury to personnel or loss of aircraft.

**4.3.2. Eligibility:** All 3 WG active duty or civilian members performing flight line duties.

**4.3.3. Selection Criteria.** Individuals submitted must display skill and ingenuity beyond that usually expected. They may be selected for their sustained superior performance or one-time act in enhancing mission completion.

**4.4. Ground Safety “Chainbreaker” Award of the Quarter:**

**4.4.1. Purpose.** Honors an individual for sustained superior performance in ground safety.

**4.4.2. Eligibility.** All 3 WG active duty and civilian members.

**4.4.3. Selection Criteria.** Selectee must have repeatedly contributed to ground safety through sustained superior performance and achievement or stopped an event.

**4.5. Weapons Safety Award of the Quarter:**

**4.5.1. Purpose.** Honors a work group or individual for sustained superior performance or specific achievement in weapons safety.

**4.5.2. Eligibility.** All 3 WG active duty Air Force and civilian employees.

**4.5.3. Selection Criteria.** Selectee must have contributed to weapons safety through sustained superior performance and specific achievements.

**4.6. Ground Safety Team Salute Quarterly Award:**

**4.6.1. Purpose.** To recognize a squadron for quality safety performance and achievements.

**4.6.2. Eligibility.** All 3 WG organizations.

**4.6.3. Selection Criteria.** Must have contributed to safety through sustained superior performance and achievement. Other criteria includes:

4.6.3.1. Value-added improvements.

4.6.3.2. Positive mishap trends.

4.6.3.3. Enhancing safety practices through AFI, OI, or WGI changes.

**5. The 3 WG Annual Awards:**

5.1. Quarterly winners will be automatically considered for these awards, however, units are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals for this award. For nomination procedures see paragraph 3, this instruction. Annual awards nominations are due no later than 5 October.

**5.2. Flight Safety Award of the Year:**

**5.2.1. Purpose.** Honors a 3 WG organization for sustained superior performance in flight safety.

**5.2.2. Eligibility.** All 3 WG flying organizations.

**5.2.3. Selection Criteria.** Selectee must have repeatedly contributed to aircrew safety through sustained superior performance and achievement.

**5.3. Aircrew Safety Award of the Year:**

**5.3.1. Purpose.** Honors a pilot or aircrew for outstanding airmanship.

**5.3.2. Eligibility.** All 3 WG active duty Air Force and civilian employees.

**5.3.3. Selection Criteria.** A pilot or aircrew must have displayed skill and ingenuity in handling an exceptionally difficult or unusual situation successfully. The actions of the pilot or aircrew must have prevented or reduced injury to people, aircraft damage, other property damage, or loss of life.

**5.4. Flight Line “Chainbreaker” Safety Award of the Year:**

**5.4.1. Purpose.** Honors an individual whose exceptional achievements enhanced flight line mission completion or prevented injury to personnel or loss of aircraft.

**5.4.2. Eligibility.** All 3 WG active duty Air Force and civilian employees.

**5.4.3. Selection Criteria.** Selectee must have repeatedly contributed to flight line safety through sustained superior performance and achievement.

**5.5. Ground Safety “Chainbreaker” Award of the Year:**

**5.5.1. Purpose.** Honors an individual for sustained superior performance in ground safety.

**5.5.2. Eligibility.** All 3 WG active duty Air Force and civilian employees.

**5.5.3. Selection Criteria.** Selectee must have repeatedly contributed to ground safety through sustained superior performance and achievement.

**5.6. Weapons Safety Award of the Year:**

**5.6.1. Purpose.** Honors a work group or individual for sustained superior performance or specific achievement in weapons safety.

**5.6.2. Eligibility.** All 3 WG active duty Air Force and civilian employees.

**5.6.3. Selection Criteria.** Selectee must have repeatedly contributed to weapons safety through sustained superior performance or specific achievements.

**5.7. Ground Safety Team Salute Award of the Year:**

**5.7.1. Purpose.** To recognize a squadron for quality safety performance.

**5.7.2. Selection Criteria.** Selectees must have contributed to safety through sustained superior performance or achievement. Other selection criteria includes.

5.7.2.1. Value-added improvements.

5.7.2.2. Mishap analysis.

5.7.2.3. Enhancing safety practices through AFI, OI, or WGI changes.

**5.7.3. Nomination Procedures.** Winners and/or nominees for 3 WG Quarterly Safety Awards will be considered for an Annual Safety Team Salute Award.

DOUGLAS M. FRASER, Brigadier General USAF  
Commander

**Attachment 1**  
**NOMINATION LETTER FORMAT**

MEMORANDUM FOR 3 WG/SE

FROM: Unit Commander

SUBJECT: Sample Award Format (Name of Specific Award)

1. (Nominee's name, rank, organization, duty assignment, AFSC, date of occurrence and type of aircraft involved).
2. (Name, rank, office symbol and DSN of the writer or other person knowledgeable about the nomination).
3. (Other awards the person, group, or unit was nominated for recognizing this act or achievement.)
4. (Description of the event and narrative. Please use a story-type style with all specific facts to enhance the award selection and increase the reader's interest. The narrative should be meaningful and written with substance. Give causes, when known, so the reader knows not only how the situation was handled, but also the cause which brings a sense of closure to the reader. Explain all acronyms and technical terms. Facts must not be drawn from privileged information in safety reports. A narrative of 350-400 words will suffice).

Commander's Signature, Rank, USAF

Title